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1. (Amended) A system for accessing supplemental network-resident information about an audio/video program comprising:

a network connection through which network-resident information may be obtained;

a speech recognizer receptive of a user's input speech request for information about a program;

a natural language parser coupled to said speech recognizer for extracting a semantic representation of the user's request for information;

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a data store for storing a representation of an electronic program guide, said program[ming] guide having an indicator identifying the program being enjoyed by said user at the time of said user's request;

a search engine commander that issues at least one search request to at least one search engine through said network connection, wherein said search engine commander issues said at least one search request based on said semantic representation and using said representation of an electronic program guide to constrain said search request to identify useful information relevant in determining what information the user is interested in retrieving; and

a search results processor for receiving search results in response to said search request, for filtering said received search results based on said useful information, and for providing at least a portion of the received search results to the user as information about an audio/video program.

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FL 10. (Amended) A method of conducting a search for network-resident information about an audio/video program, comprising the steps of:

processing a user's input speech request for information about a program to generate a semantic representation;

formulating a search engine search request based on said semantic representation;

C2 accessing a stored electronic program guide and using the electronic program guide to constrain said search request to identify useful information relevant in determining what information the user is interested in retrieving, said programming guide having an indicator identifying the program being enjoyed by said user at the time of said user's request;

sending said constrained search request to at least one search engine over a network;

receiving search results from said at least one search engine; and

filtering said received search results based on said useful information.

Please cancel claims 9, 11, and 16-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.